

Claim Listing:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently amended) A method of venting gas from a positive pressure generating system in a package, comprising:

~~securing a closure fitting having a gasket according to claim 4 about an opening of the package, wherein the gasket is capable of venting gases while preventing liquid from leaking therefrom~~ wherein the gasket comprises a liquid and a gas impermeable polyalkylene core having a first side and a second side opposite said first side;

a first outer layer being connected to said first side; and

a discrete second outer layer being connected to said second side, wherein each of said first and said second outer layers is a gas permeable fluoropolymer, and wherein said first and said second outer layers cooperate with said core to provide gas permeability and liquid impermeability to said gasket, and wherein the gasket is capable of venting gases while preventing liquid from leaking therefrom.

Claim 13 (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said gasket forms a seal that enables gas to permeate through said first and/or second outer layer and move tangentially out of the package.

Claim 14 (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said closure fitting is a spray mechanism.

Claim 15 (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~42~~14, wherein said spray mechanism is selected from a group consisting of a trigger spray and a finger pump.

Claim 16 (Currently amended) A method of sealing an opening in a package, comprising:

securing a closure fitting having a gasket ~~according to claim 1~~ about an opening of the package, said gasket comprising a liquid and a gas impermeable polyalkylene core having a first side and a second side opposite said first side;

a first outer layer being connected to said first side; and

a discrete second outer layer being connected to said second side,
wherein each of said first and said second outer layers is a gas permeable fluoropolymer, and wherein said first and said second outer layers cooperate with said core to provide gas permeability and liquid impermeability to said gasket,

wherein said gasket is capable of venting gases while preventing liquid from leaking therefrom.

Claim 17 (New) The method of claim 12, wherein said core and said first and second outer layers are laminated together.

Claim 18 (New) The method of claim 12, wherein said polyalkylene material is made of polyethylene.

Claim 19 (New) The method of claim 12, wherein said fluoropolymer is an expanded polytetrafluoroethylene membrane.

Claim 20 (New) The method of claim 12, wherein said core has a thickness about 0.015 inches to about 0.150 inches.

Claim 21 (New) The method of claim 12, wherein each said first and second outer layers has a thickness about 0.001 inches to about 0.50 inches.

Claim 22 (New) The method of claim 12, wherein said gasket has an overall thickness about 0.017 inches to about 0.25 inches.

Claim 23 (New) The method of claim 12, wherein said gasket is installed in a closure fitting without using an orientation device.

Claim 24 (New) The method of claim 12, wherein said gasket is installed in a positive pressure generating system.